



Conchology

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NEWSLETTER: WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026 - MACTAN ISLAND

A few weeks ago, we were greeted by a magical tropical sunset, its deep orange sky unveiling the first evening star beyond the silhouettes of bamboo and banana trees.

Conchology Award 2026

It gives us great pleasure to announce that our Conchology Award at the Shell Show in Antwerp, Belgium was awarded to Kevin Monsecour for his enigmatic *Bayerotrochus indicus* (P. Anseeuw, 1999), a specimen that greatly impressed us with its character and distinction and rarity. It is among one of the rarest PLEUROTOMARIIDAE in the world making it a well-deserved winner.

Although we were unfortunately unable to attend the show in person, the prize was graciously presented on our behalf by his brother, David Monsecour. We extend our warmest congratulations to Kevin on this splendid and richly deserved honour, and our sincere thanks to David for so kindly representing us on this special occasion.



Kevin accepts the Conchology Award presented on our behalf by his brother David.

Shellers from the Past and the Present at the Antwerp Shell Show

At the Antwerp Shell Show, Frank Maartense welcomed visitors into the fascinating world of *Shellers from the Past and the Present*, the remarkable "who's who" of the shell community featured on our homepage. This extensive and ever-growing section reaches back to the earliest history of shell study, beginning with the Greek philosopher Aristotle, who lived more than three centuries before Christ. Today, with more than 60,000 profile pages continually updated and expanded under Frank Maartense's careful curation, it has become an invaluable and unique resource for collectors, researchers, and enthusiasts alike. During the show, visitors were invited not only to discover this extraordinary database, but also to contribute their own names and information, becoming part of its living history.

Visit: <https://conchology.be/?t=9000>



Frank Maartense ready with his computer to introduce *Shellers of the Past and the Present* to the visitors.

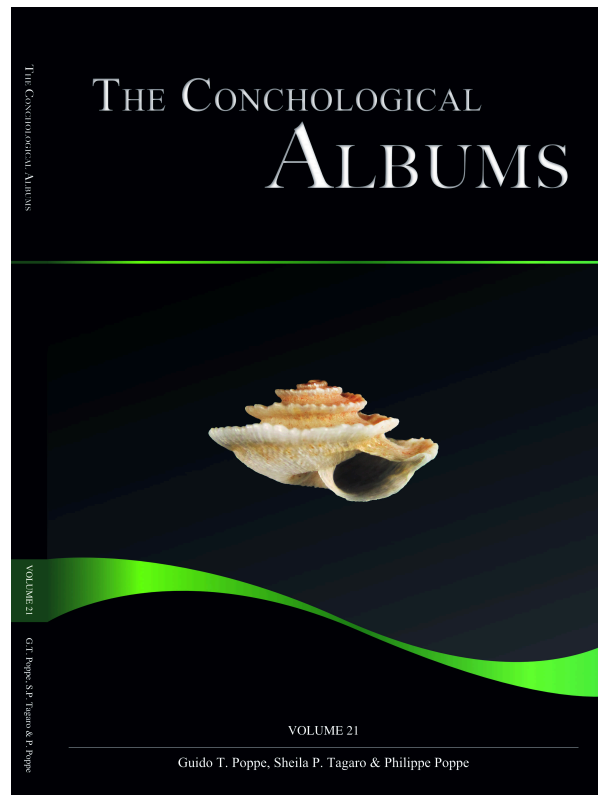
Kibai Zufu



We are delighted to welcome visitors to a new section on our homepage, devoted to the 1926 commemorative facsimile of Kimura Kenkadō's *Kibai Zufu* from the Guido T. Poppe library. Here, the splendid plates of this remarkable work may be explored at leisure, offering not only a feast for the eye but also an invitation into a world of refinement, curiosity, and artistic wonder. We warmly invite all who visit our pages to linger here, to enjoy these extraordinary plates, and to discover for themselves the enduring beauty and fascination of this most interesting book.

Visit: <https://conchology.be/?t=208>

Conchological Albums Volume 21



Here we present *Conchological Albums Volume 21*, the newest published instalment in our monumental 31-volume series, *The Conchological Albums – Terrestrial Molluscs*. With this twenty-first volume, the project continues its ambitious and meticulously pursued aim of illustrating the world's biodiversity of land snails as fully and as beautifully as possible. This new work brings together 556 shells from the families GEOMITRIDAE, HAPLOTREMATIDAE, HELICARIONIDAE, and HELICIDAE, representing 293 species and 29 subspecies. Rich in scope and detail, it stands as

both a valuable scientific contribution and a work of enduring interest for collectors, researchers, and all who delight in the diversity and elegance of terrestrial molluscs.

Visit: <https://conchology.be/?t=53&u=100962>

Current Auctions



Collectors are warmly invited to discover our bi-weekly auctions where a distinguished selection of unique and exceptional shells is presented for discerning enthusiasts. We invite you to visit, follow the current offerings, and place your bids for the opportunity to acquire truly remarkable pieces for your collection.

Visit: <https://auction.conchology.be/>

Call for Articles for the next Visaya



We invite authors to submit taxonomical articles for the next issue of *Visaya*, for which publication is presently projected for August 2026. As one of the leading journals in the world devoted to the study and appreciation of molluscan taxonomy, *Visaya* continues to welcome original contributions that deepen knowledge, clarify classification, and illuminate the remarkable richness of the species we study.

We warmly encourage specialists and dedicated researchers to send in manuscripts dealing with taxonomy, systematics, and related fields, and to share work that will be of lasting interest to the conchological community. Authors who wish to contribute to this forthcoming issue are invited to prepare their submissions at their earliest convenience, so that they may be considered for inclusion in this new volume of *Visaya*.

Currently *Visaya* has published 52 numbers with over 1200 newly described species, subspecies and genera.

You can email **Philippe** with your new article for inclusion.

Sincerely yours,

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